Before The POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Classification and Fees For Confirm

Docket No. MC2002-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS PAUL BAKSHI (OCA/USPS-T1-19-20) May 24, 2002

Pursuant to Rules 25 through 28 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-T1-1-18 dated May 1, 2002 are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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1333 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20268-0001 (202) 789-6830; Fax (202) 789-6819 OCA/USPS-T1-19. Assume that a Confirm® Planet Code has been printed on an envelope and that subsequently the mailing address is hand written on the same Planet Coded envelope so that the Planet Code barcode is not obscured. Can the USPS automation equipment still perform the following tasks:

- Read the address? If a hand-written address cannot be read on a Planet
 Coded mail piece, please explain.
- b. Sort the envelope to the next mail operation? If the Planet Coded mail piece can not be sorted due to the hand-written address, please explain.
- c. Collect and process Planet Code information on a pre-printed Planet Coded envelope with a hand-written address, to the same extent that a machine printed Planet Code and addressed envelope would be? If Planet Code information cannot be collected and processed similarly (hand-addressed versus machine addressed) please explain.

OCA/USPS-T1-20. The first-two digits of a Confirm® Planet Code represent the service type – Destination or Origin Confirm®. Can the first two digits be used to expand the number of five-digit customer ID codes from the 100,000 five-digit customer IDs available? If you are unable to confirm, please explain.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with Rule 12 of the rules of practice.

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